

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1936.

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## SMALL FRACTIONAL POINT SEPARATES TWO LEADERS IN GRADUATING CLASS

Clifton Bellamy, Valedictorian; Juanita Huskey, Second Honor Student; Class of 47 Receive Couted Pigskins.

First honors in the 1933 graduating class of the Merkel High school were awarded to Clifton Bellamy, whose average for the year was 96.466. Second honors were won by Juanita Huskey, whose record was 96.428, only .038 of a point behind the highest honor student.

Diplomas were awarded by Supt. R. A. Burgess to 47 graduates at the commencement exercises on Monday night at the High School gymnasium.

The major part of the program was centered in a pageant, "Things That Make Texas Great," arranged from Texas authors and presented by the Senior class under the direction of Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes. Music numbers were furnished by the Girls' Choral club.

In connection with the pageant Supt. Burgess gave a brief history of the Merkel schools from their beginning fifty-three years ago.

The class sermon was delivered Sunday night by Dr. F. M. Warren, pastor of the First Christian church, Abilene. Special numbers by the Girls' Choral club were featured on the program.

Members of the graduating class are:

Oscar Adcock, Clifton Bellamy, Marvin Berry, R. T. Blair, Horace Boney, Bryan Higgins, Robert Higgins, F. T. Hogan, Victor Joyner, Odell Latimer, Hugh Leonard, John Leonard, Laverne Moore, Harold Morgan, Frank Mundy, Winston Polley, Hubert Rister, Zerk Robertson, Dallas Sharp, Felix Stalls, Jack Stanford, Murry Toombs, Willie B. Toombs, Holt Vaughn, James West, Jr., Billy Woodrum, Alvin Wozencraft.

Eva Faye Bush, Opal Buzbee, Alice Carey, Ruby Carey, Ora Derrick, Hattie Mae Dwiggin, Mary Frances Harris, Janet Hayes, Louella Hughes, Juanita Huskey, Ruth Kyle, Mabel Maddox, Coheene Morrison, Thelma Patterson, Willie Mae Nelson, Lauretta Randal, Alice Russell, Lucy Faye Russom, Mildred Sosebee, Missie Spurgin.

## Bathing Girl Revue At Shannon's June 5

Time: Friday evening, June 5.  
Place: Shannon's pool.

Purpose: To see the Lions club present a group of the most beautiful girls this side of Hollywood in a revue to determine the Merkel entry in the district contest at the Lions convention at Cisco June 16-17.

"There will be beautiful girls, beautiful flowers, beautiful, clear, pure water, beautiful music; in fact everything in the usual Merkel way, 'Over the Top,'" stated Dr. Earl Thomason, chairman of the committee on arrangements, in his most enthusiastic way.

After the judging, there will be swimming in one of the finest pools in this part of the state. Every one is invited to come, bring the entire family, meet old friends from every part of Merkel's trade territory, including visitors from Abilene, Sweetwater, Anson and many other places.

"We can use eight or ten more girls," said Dr. Thomason Thursday morning. "Who knows who will be the lucky girl to make the trip to Cisco, with all expenses paid, June 16? Leave your name with the Merkel Drug company not later than Monday, June 1. The business house sponsoring the girl will take care of such expenses as suits, caps, etc."

If you wish to have an entry and have not been called on, you should see Dr. Thomason, Lige Gamble or Fred Hughes.

## Pickford a Rangerette.

Hollywood, May 28.—Frances Nalle, official hostess of the Texas Centennial exposition opening June 6, flew here from Dallas with a special invitation to Mary Pickford to attend the fair and a commission from Gov. James Allred to make her a Texas Rangerette.

## CLASS OF 47 MOVE TO HIGH

Certificates Awarded to 47 Members of Seventh Grade in Exercises Friday Night.

Certificates of promotion to High school were awarded to 47 Grammar school pupils by their principal, Mrs. Len Sublett, at exercises at the gymnasium Friday evening, May 22. The address to the class was given by Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of the Methodist church.

The two highest ranking students were: Mildred McLean, valedictorian, with an average of 94.11, and Doris Gay West, averaging 93.99, only .12 of a point separating the two.

While there were five in the seventh grade who were neither absent nor tardy during the school year, only one out of the class, Don Wood, was on the honor roll for every grade period this year.

Those receiving certificates were: A. C. Bland, Billy Cox, Howard Cribble, Harvey Davis, Audrey Gay, Deuad Gilbreath, Billy Largent, Clyde Deavers, Clois Fowler, Lavada Barbee, Anne Lee Blake, Bonnie Church, Aelo Mae Cypert, Nell Marie Davis, Miriam Diltz, Hazel DuBose, Euvalda Fox, Loudale Gray, Helen Heeter, Francis Hester, Stacy Huddleston, Billie McGehee, Irene Derington, T. C. Jinkens, Guy Manscill, Faby Mashburn, Sammie McGehee, D. S. Price, Glenn Robertson, J. D. Sandusky, Homer Tye, Joe Glenn Wells, Don Wood, J. D. Witcher, Fred Northcutt, Sybil Harris, Jessie Lee Mayhall, Veneta McDonald, Lena Fay Orsborn, Mary Pruitt, Mildred McLean, Betty Jo Reid, Joyce Renfro, Auda Vee Rutledge, Bernice Thorn, Willodean Thornton, Bernis Gay West.

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

The following Grammar School students were neither absent nor tardy during the entire year:

First grade—Betty Joe Perry, Ima Ruth Shouse, G. H. Suber, Glenn Toombs, Betty Jean Gilbert, Barbara Ann Brown.  
Second grade—Gerald McCoy, Rachel Miller.  
Third grade—Mary Evelyn Perry, Billie Joe Toombs, Ralph Hardy, Bonnie Jaynes.  
Fourth grade—Mary Joe Hutchins, Doris Mae Lepard, Johnnie McDonald, R. V. Clark, Marjorie Joe Fulton, Doris Ruth Gilmore.  
Fifth grade—Aubrey Shouse, Earl Witcher, Billie Wood, Glenn Barnes, Hazel Burns.  
Sixth grade—Doyal Barnes, Marvin Dubose, David Gibson, Walter Leonard, Tommy E. Grimes, Billy Sandusky, Theda Perry.  
Seventh grade—Billie McGehee, Glen Robertson, Don Wood, J. D. Witcher, Sybil Harris.

## Mrs. Swann Selected To Judge Flower Show

Mrs. Sam Swann of this city is one of a group of five women from neighboring towns who will serve as judges for the Abilene Garden club's first flower show, which is to be held Friday and Saturday in a building at 326 Pine street.

Others named as judges are Mrs. J. F. Boren of Baird, Mrs. E. D. Thomas of Tye and Mrs. Reginald R. Baird of Stamford, the fifth member to be an officer of the Coleman Garden club.

Judging is to be done at 11 o'clock Friday morning. The five out-of-town women are to be guests of the Abilene Garden club for luncheon at the Wooten hotel.

Mrs. E. L. Harwell is general chairman of the flower show, while Mrs. Rupert N. Richardson is chairman of the committee to select judges.

## June 13 Final Filing Date County Offices

Next Monday, June 1, is the final date on which candidates may file applications for a place on the primary election ballot for state and district offices.

Candidates for county and precinct offices are allowed thirteen more days, that is, until June 13, to file.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Judge E. H. Small, 76, pioneer civic leader in the Panhandle and father of State Senator Clint C. Small of Amarillo, died Monday at Wellington.

Another Williams, 57, Houston negro who shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Joe Trapolino Saturday, has been placed in jail on a lunacy charge.

Three boys, the oldest nine, drowned in White Oak bayou, Houston, when a schoolboy swimming expedition turned into tragedy. The dead are: Hyman Jacobs, 9; B. B. Passmore, 8, and Kenneth Lake, 8.

Tom H. Nees of Beaumont was selected as president at the closing session of the 55th annual convention of the Texas Bankers association at Houston, San Antonio was chosen as the 1937 convention city.

Death in the electric chair was the penalty recommended for Clarence (Puny) Abston by a 59th district court jury at Haskell, which found him guilty of murder of Miss Rebecca Coursey, 78-year-old O'Brien woman.

The price of wool reached a new high mark for the state when Richard Moseley of Brady Wednesday sold his clip of 30,000 pounds to Wright brothers of Boston for 33 1-2 cents, highest price Texas wool has brought since 1929.

After diving into the water to recover an oar, Fred L. Edwards, Jr., 18, son of a Dallas service station owner, drowned Saturday in Lake Dallas in Denton county while on a fishing trip with another boy and two young women.

A special dispatch from Washington to the Dallas Times-Herald Wednesday said that President Roosevelt would spend June 11, 12, and 13 in Texas under latest plans, visiting Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Dallas and Fort Worth.

Janice Jarrett, San Antonio beauty and popular New York model, who has been called the "most photographed girl in the world," will be "Sweetheart of the Texas Centennial" through an appointment by Governor James V. Allred.

Two El Paso WPA workers, Francisco Rodriguez, 55, and Julio Ramirez, 31, were being treated in the army hospital for wounds received when they were shot in the head by mysterious riflemen as they were at work near William Beaumont general hospital.

Reports for the month of April show that work of 130 state highway patrolmen yielded \$15,597 in fines and \$20,130 in additional registration fees, with expenses of \$19,987, or a net gain of \$15,740. Road and bridge funds in the counties in which complaints were filed benefitted by the surplus.

Mrs. Velma Patterson, who was acquitted recently on a charge of poisoning her 12-year-old daughter, Dorothy McCasland, but still stands charged with poisoning her youngest daughter, Billie Fae McCasland, 11, has been released from jail after her attorneys furnished bonds totaling \$8,000 on murder and liquor charges.

## Rainfall for Week Exceeds Two Inches

In the seven days since the rain report published in The Mail last week, nearly all of which period was cloudy and produced some rainfall practically each day, a total of 2 1-8 inches has been registered by the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale.

Precipitation Saturday morning, shortly before daybreak, was three-eighths of an inch. From Saturday night until Monday morning, 1 1-4 inches was added and at Tuesday noon another half inch had been recorded.

## Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dye, Noodle, Saturday, May 23, 1936.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Williams, Tuesday, May 26, 1936.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Tipton, Jr., Wednesday, May 27, 1936.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stebbins, Caps, Wednesday, May 27, 1936.

## Community Singing.

A community singing is announced for Friday evening of this week at the High School gymnasium. Some good talent is expected from Abilene and other points. Every one is invited to come and take an active part.

## TEXAS DEMOS ENDORSE FDR, JOHN GARNER

State Convention Instructs Solid 46 Votes for the Administration, But Moves to Retain Two-Thirds Ballot.

San Antonio, May 28.—The state convention of Texas Democrats reaffirmed its allegiance to President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Vice-President John N. Garner here Tuesday. It unanimously instructed the delegation of 100 to the national convention at Philadelphia to cast their 45 votes as a unit for the renomination of the president and vice-president.

On the other hand, it favored retention of the two-thirds rule by which presidents have been nominated at democratic conventions for more than 100 years and abrogation of which had been recommended by Postmaster General James Farley.

Mr. Garner was renominated national committeeman from Texas by unanimous vote, having no opposition, while Mrs. Clara Driscoll Sevier of Corpus Christi, national committeewoman since 1928, defeated Mrs. W. D. Ambrose of Fort Worth for that party honor.

Mrs. Sevier was renominated after several other women candidates had withdrawn.

The convention named 16 delegates-at-large and 16 alternates to the national convention and United States Senator Tom Connally of Marlin was elected chairman. Tully Garner of Uvalde, brother of the vice-president, was chosen vice-chairman, and Paul Wakefield of Austin, secretary.

The committee on delegates said Connally was made chairman "in accordance with custom" after Senator Morris Sheppard, the senior senator from Texas, had passed up the distinction.

Other delegates-at-large included Governor James V. Allred, who will place the name of Vice-President Garner in nomination at Philadelphia, and Representative Sam Rayburn of Bonham, convention keynoter and chairman of the inter-state commerce committee of congress.

## 42 Old-Timers Have Registered to Date For "Pioneer Day"

By coincidence, addition of 21 names—the same number as was reported the first week—is announced by the registration committee for the period up to noon Thursday of the old-timers of this section who have indicated that they want to take part in "Pioneer Day," Saturday, June 20, on which day those on the certified list of early settlers will be guests of the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel for a chuck wagon dinner at the city tabernacle.

Only those who are 65 years of age and have been in this area for 40 years or more are eligible to register, and it is requested that any who have not registered and wish to participate should do so at once. The register is at the office of the Merkel Mail, and the list will be open until Wednesday, June 17, three days before the big event.

The following names, with the year in which each person came to this area, were added this week, bringing the total to 42:

Mrs. H. C. Williams (1891); W. A. Sheppard (1890); Mrs. Julia A. Perkins (1891); J. H. Ensminger (1882); John S. Hughes (1889); J. H. Campbell (1890); W. A. Campbell (1886); D. J. Gibson (1885); Mrs. D. J. Gibson (1888); W. M. Hays (1889); A. M. Daniels (1892); G. W. Moore (1891); J. S. Barnes (1883); J. T. Warren (1891); Mrs. J. T. Warren (1891); W. D. Haynes (1891); Mrs. W. D. Haynes (1891); D. G. Ash (1884); Mrs. D. G. Ash (1884); Mrs. S. W. Sheppard (1890); Mrs. T. J. Toombs (1888).

## In Tarrant County Jail.

Fort Worth, May 28.—Lonnie Mitchell, negro cafe operator given the death sentence on May 10 at Abilene for the slaying on April 14 of Chester Hutchison, Merkel city marshal, was brought Monday to the Tarrant county jail by Taylor county officers.

## Queen is 69 Years Old.

London, May 28.—Queen Mary, still grieving over the death of King George but taking a more active interest in life about her, celebrated her sixty-ninth birthday Tuesday.

## ANOTHER DOUBLE-HEADER IN INTER-COMMUNITY LEAGUE CARDER SATURDAY, MAY 30

### LEO HUFF WINS CALF ROPING

Ties Calf in 19 2-5 Seconds; Also Places Second in Cow Milking Event of Saturday's Rodeo.

Leo Huff of Dora, who placed twice in calf roping and once in cow milking in the two previous shows this season, won first money in roping and ranked second in cow milking in Saturday's rodeo, third in the series of free shows sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension of Merkel for the summer of 1936.

His time in roping was 19 2-5 seconds. Tommy Hodges of Turcola was second in this event, tying his calf in 20 seconds. Frank Young of Albany and Burl Hitson of Breckenridge won third and fourth money, their time being 22 4-5 seconds and 26 2-5 seconds, respectively.

Zelma Herrington of Hanger hung up the best time in cow milking with time of 22 3-5 seconds, followed by Huff, 29 seconds, Bunk Cornell of Albany, 31 seconds, and Earl Stevens of Trent, 31 1-5 seconds.

Raymond Caldwell of Albany topped the steer riders, followed by Weldon Young, also of Albany, second, and Johnny Frazier of Stith, third.

Although nearly a half inch of rain fell early Saturday morning the arena was in toptop shape and a fast, spectacular show was staged.

When the grand entry of contestants was announced, Miss Leta Faye Barbee, Merkel's sponsor to the Cowboy Reunion at Stamford, was introduced and rode with the group, also circling the arena in an individual presentation.

Again, as in the two former shows, contestants from a number of other points participated and the fame of Merkel's rodeos also draws many visitors from a wide territory.

One of the most prominent spectators at Saturday's show was John Selman of Stamford, arena director of the Cowboy Reunion and associated for 25 years with the Swenson interests, the last 16 years as boss at Swenson's Flat Top ranch.

Variety, and by the way a big time thrill for the spectators, was added when four bulls were released from the chutes simultaneously, the riders dropping one, two, three in rapid succession, only Gerald Derrick emerging on top, and, similarly, climaxing the show, three steers were released as a finale and all three riders bit the dust.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, May 26, 1916.)

On Monday evening of this week a number of Merkel residents drove to the home of the Beasley Brothers near Noodle where they enjoyed the evening socially. The guests were Messrs. and Mesdames Boyd, Angus, Anderson, Warren and Mattingly; Misses Ona Hamblet, Elma Sheppard, Lura and Stacy Adkisson, Emma Mae Mashburn; Messrs. Dee and Ennis Grimes, Roscoe and Parker Sharp, Nat Anderson, Jeff Henry, Clyde Sears and J. F. Harrison. The music during the evening was furnished by the piano, violin and guitar. Refreshments of pie, cake, fruit and lemonade were served.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT EVILLO VILLA.

With a charming hospitality that one now thinks a forgotten art, the Misses Garoutte entertained a large number of friends on last Saturday at their country home, Evillo Villa. The occasion was given in honor of the birthday anniversary of the elder of the two sisters, Miss N. Olive Garoutte. The invitations, which were issued several days before, were received with much pleasure by all those who have known and consequently loved this honored character and the pleasure was indeed theirs to pay tribute to the years of usefulness that Miss Olive has spent in our midst.

Weather Permitting, Tye and Trent Meet in Opening Game. Followed by Divide vs Union; 1:30 P. M.

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Will St. John of Cisco was selected by the district caucus as presidential elector from the 17th district.

## Congressman Blanton Files for Re-Election

Washington, May 28.—Representative Thomas L. Blanton of Abilene, Texas, announced Saturday he has filed for re-election from the seventh Texas district.

"If I am re-elected next Jan. 1 I shall become chairman of the War Appropriations committee, enabling me to save annually \$75,000,000 in waste and extravagance without any reduction in adequate national defense," Blanton said. "If emergencies should arise at any time, I would be in a most strategic position to help our country out of all war. I have made a detailed study of all war projects in the United States, Hawaii and Panama."

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The elder guests were entertained during the day with an old time quilting bee, and at high noon a turkey dinner was served, which was enlivened by many toasts in eulogy of the honored guest. If the evening the younger friends gathered: Mesdames J. K. Higgins, Roy Harrell, J. D. Hogg, H. C. Floyd, B. J. Dyess, D. E. Compton, J. L. Harris, W. P. Browning, W. P. Garvin, J. C. Calvert, J. B. Bell, J. J. Stallings, A. C. McGee, G. L. Miller and H. F. Groene; Messrs. Mary Garvin, Lizzie and Eva Calvert, Jewel Pate, Bernadine Freeman, Essie and Bessie Tucker, Maggie Foster, Neva and Nina Warnick, Essie and Dewey Floyd, Lucille Bell, Dorothy and Virgie Duckett, Evelyn Williams; Messrs. Fred Latham, Jeff Henry, H. Patterson, M. Bonoy, Lem Dudley, Tucker and Floyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jobe of Sanderson (On the Border) came in the first of the week to visit the former's parents. They made the trip through the country in their touring car and are in a way prospecting for a location that is not so exposed to raids from Mexican bandits.

Misses Willie and Irene Swann returned last Thursday from Marion, Ala., where they have been students in the Judson college for young ladies.

# 165 PUPILS ON HONOR ROLL OF MERKEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The following one hundred sixty-five pupils of the Merkel Public schools have made the honor roll for the last or sixth grade period. This means for the period that each of these has been neither tardy nor absent, has made at least 90 in department, has not made below 75 in any one subject, and has made a general average of 90 or more. Eighty-three of these were from Grammar school and eighty-two were from High school.

**GRAMMAR SCHOOL**  
**First**  
 La Fern Ramsey, 96  
 Glenn Too 95; Ima Toombs, G. H. ;

Burns, 91; Buster Jack Melton, 91; Cheatham McFarland, 91; Billy Clyde Haynes, 91.

**Sixth Grade, Mrs. Collins.**  
 Bol Williamson, 93; O. C. Shouse, 90.

**Sixth Grade, Miss Ledger.**  
 Tommy E. Grimes, 93; Betty Lu Higgins, 93; Mary Lu Higgins, 91.

**Seventh Grade, Robert Wood.**  
 Helen Heeter, 93.

**Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.**  
 Mildred McLean, 95; Don Wood, 92.

**Eighth Grade.**

Hollis Perry, 97; Billie Wood, 97; Kenneth Neill, 96; Mattie Reynolds, 96; Mary Jo Russell, 95; CeVene Daniel, 95; Ben Ferguson, 95; Mildred Bird, 94; Archie Farr, 94; Mary Joe Garland, 94; Wilma McAninch, 94; Joyce Hayes, 93; Mary Nell Morgan, 93; Willard Paine, 93; Blanton Carey, 92; Melvin Seiser, 92; Bonnie Lois Campbell, 91; Verne Moore, 91; Wilma Lea Paine, 91; Ralph Russell, 91; Edgar Tipton, 91; Junior Clark, 90; J. W. Harrison, 90; Ann Lepard, 90; Othar Suber, 90.

**Ninth Grade.**

Jannell Black, 97; Francis Higgins, 97; Dick West, 96; Fredia Farmer, 96; Mildred Humphrey, 96; Louise Richie, 96; Marvin Hunter, 95; Pau-

line Joyner, 95; T. L. Reid, 95; Dorothy Sue Bird, 95; Jack Russell, 94; L. B. Gibson, 94; Morris Clack, 94; Billie George Gant, 94; Wade Ensminger, 93; Ina Mae Burns, 93; Clyde Cribley, 93; Ben Robert Hicks, 93; Annie D. Garvin, 92; Linsey Rister, 92; Ruth Smith, 90; Inez Smith, 90.

**Junior Class.**

Janet Berry, 96; Jane Ferguson, 96; Nadine Clack, 96; Murphy Dye, 96; Betty Grimes, 95; Phyllis Smith, 94; Sis Gamble, 94; Edith Akin, 94; Billie Dunning, 93; Dutton Williamson, 93; La Verne Hughes, 93; Pauline McAninch, 93; Genevieve Cox, 92; Jack Sublett, 91; M. C. Church, 91; Paul Riney, 90; Bobbie Woodrum, 90; Willie Mae Hudson, 90.

**Senior Class.**

Clifton Bellamy, 98; Ora Derrick, 96; John Leonard, 96; Mabel Maddox, 96; Odell Latimer, 95; Missie Spurgin, 94; Ruby Carey, 94; Eva Faye Bush, 93; Alice Carey, 93; Victor Joyner, 93; Mildred Sosebee, 93;

Janet Hayes, 92; Bryan Higgins, 92; Winston Polley, 92; Opal Buzbee, 91; Lou Ella Hughes, 90; Dallas Sharp, 90.

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# Memorial Day

## May 30th

Six times have the men of our country been called to arms. Six times have they unselfishly given of their time, their services and their lives.

To the soldiers of all ages, our nation on this day pays tribute and gratefully awards its highest honors to those whose deeds will ever remain enshrined in our memory. We salute them!

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## GAIL COLLEGE

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**Fifth Grade, Miss Hogan.**  
 Lavern Douglas, 94; Marilyn Sue Grimes, 94; Glenn Barnes, 92; Marie Bland, 92; Mickey Diltz, 91; Hazel

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FOURTEENTH INSTALLMENT. SYNOPSIS . . . Barbara Keith, wife of a prominent Philadelphia business man, is murdered as she waits alone in a side room to testify in the divorce case of Rowland vs. Rowland . . . She was to have testified for the husband, a friend, who was defendant in the action . . . Detective Tommy Rankin is assigned to the case from police headquarters . . . His preliminary investigation disclosed that both Mr. and Mrs. Rowland had gathered evidence against the other of infidelity . . . The will of Mrs. Rowland's first husband directed her lawyer brother, Mr. Wilford, to handle the estate until she remarried when the new husband was to come into control. Detective Rankin finds motives and the evidence of guilt for the murder of Mrs. Keith, leading to the doors of virtually all of the principals involved. These principals are, the two Rowlands, Mr. Wilford, Mr. Keith, husband of the murdered woman, Hugh Campbell, paramour of Mrs. Rowland, and his underworld confederates . . . NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

"Well, there was the fact that Ellen and Garrett had only a small fraction of the stolen goods," said the nurse who had attended the former Mrs. Keith. "After she was here six months, Ellen realized I sympathized with her, and once permitted herself to confide in me. When I asked how she got into this trouble, she didn't try to justify herself, but only Garrett. He wasn't naturally bad, she claimed, and she did her best to stop him from going wrong. But he admired his friend's smartness and his influence, and the temptation of easy money was too much for him. I could tell she clearly feared and despised the fellow."

Rankin spoke eagerly. "Did she tell you anything about who he was and what became of him?"

"She could hardly know what happened to him after her arrest." The matron shook her head. "But she mentioned the name by which she knew him; more than likely it was an alias. If I'm not mistaken, he traveled as Fred Dennis."

But the matron had no idea of her charge's history, once she passed beyond the walls of the penitentiary. She had never heard from her. Nor could she supply any further details about Fred Dennis, or his description, which Rankin particularly desired. And she was ignorant of how Ellen Trent met her lover or where. In court, she had been represented by a Mr. Nathan Lewis, a Fort Wayne lawyer, in all probability appointed by the judge to defend her, because she had no money.

Late that afternoon, Tommy Rankin presented himself, by appointment made over the telephone, at the law office of Mr. Nathan Lewis. Evidently the lawyer had prospered since the day, six years before,

when he was appointed by the court, an impecunious young lawyer, to defend Ellen Trent.

Mr. Lewis studied Rankin's card and motioned him to a deep armchair.

"Yes, Mr. Rankin?" he inquired politely, but with quiet reserve. "You're from the Philadelphia Police Bureau, I see. How can I be of service to you?"

"I called you to make sure you wouldn't leave the office before I arrived," the detective replied. "It's about a young woman whose mysterious murder I am investigating in the East. Her name is Barbara Keith and she was once your client, charged with concealing and disposing of stolen goods. You know her as Ellen Trent."

The lawyer looked genuinely shocked, and shook his head solemnly. "I'm sorry to hear that," he murmured. "Of course, I recall the case quite well. Exactly what happened to her?"

Briefly Rankin related enough of the tragedy to enlist Mr. Lewis' cooperation. The latter listened attentively.

"I have reason to believe," Rankin concluded, "that this affair in Fort Wayne—her arrest and imprisonment—has a bearing on her death. She was being blackmailed by some one familiar with her past. And you can probably tell me more about it, from her angle, than anyone else."

Mr. Lewis pondered. "Under these circumstances, I suppose I am justified in revealing whatever I can to help you. To me, it has always seemed a most distressing situation, for which the girl was not to blame at all. Her misfortune was to love a ne'er-do-well. Yet, there were the goods, the evidence that she knew of the robberies, and her obvious relations with one of the men. I considered it most wise that she plead guilty and trusted to the court's leniency for a minimum sentence."

"That's one of the details I want," the detective cut in quickly. "It's been suggested to me, from other sources, that she was really quite innocent."

"I'm firmly convinced of that," Mr. Lewis declared. "At our first

interview in the city jail, she assured me she was ignorant of Garrett's dishonesty until after they had lived here for six months. At times she wondered why he stayed out so late at night. She found out about him eventually when he returned at dawn, after a narrow escape during an attempted robbery. He had been separated from Dennis and brought back some of the loot; then she realized his occupation and taxed him with it."

"And what's your opinion of Garrett? Did you gather he was vicious or just weak?"

The lawyer spread his hands. "Miss Trent insisted it was entirely Dennis' fault; without his persuasion and the enticement of easy money, Garrett would never have gone wrong. She loved him so, it

was almost pitiful how she deluded herself about his worthiness."

"Have you any idea, Mr. Lewis," he asked, "how and where she met Garrett in the first place?"

After some cogitation, the attorney recalled that the girl had mentioned that they became acquainted in Akron, Ohio, late in 1925. She worked as a wrapper in a large department store there and met the young man at a dance hall. Mr. Lewis was not better informed than Mortimer Keith had been. She had no relatives left, he believed.

The lawyer told how her sweetheart became acquainted with Fred Dennis. It was at the Indianapolis race track, where Garrett began to hang about when he failed to obtain work, in hope of acquiring some loose change. But the girl could not name, Mr. Lewis explained as Rankin probed more thoroughly, any of Dennis' other associates.

"No wonder she detested Dennis so!" Rankin exclaimed. "He threatened her happiness, endangered the man she loved and brought her endless worry and anxiety for his welfare."

"Exactly," Mr. Lewis agreed. "That's the reason, when Garrett

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# Memorial Day

On Saturday, May 30, an entire nation will pause to pay tribute to the valiant men who suffered hardships, privations, wounds and death in defending the causes they believed to be right.

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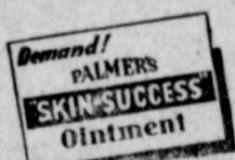
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List of Pupils on Honor Roll for Year

The following students of the Merkel Public schools have made the honor roll each grade period for the year just closed. This means that for the entire year each of them has been neither tardy nor absent, has made at least 90 in deportment for each period, has not made below 75 on any subject and has averaged 90 or better each period this year:
First grade—Glenn Toombs, Betty Jo Perry, Ina Ruth Shouse, Barbara Ann Brown, Betty Jean Gilbert.
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Third grade—Mary Evelyn Perry, Ralph Hardy, Bonnie Jaynes.
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Fifth grade—Glenn Barnes, Hazel Burns.
Sixth grade—Tommy E. Grimes.
Seventh grade—Don Wood.
Eighth grade—Billie Wood, Mildred Bird, Wilma McAninch.
Ninth grade—Wade Ensminger, L. Reid, Dick West, Dorothea Sue Bird, Fredia Farmer, Mildred Humphrey.
Junior class—Janet Berry, Nadine Clack, Dutton Williams.
Senior class—Clifton Bellamy, Ruby Carey, Ora Derricks.

Many Accidents Due to Improper Lubrication

In a recent interview, H. P. Hobart, general manager of Gulf's lubricating sales department, used a report of the Pennsylvania department of revenue to substantiate his belief that many accidents are caused by improper lubrication or by the lack of lubrication. In making this report, Mr. Hobart said, "Out of 80,488 motor vehicles involved in accidents, over 90 per cent were apparently in good condition. The condition of drivers in approximately 40 per cent of the accidents was apparently normal. From these facts the conclusion may be drawn that accidents involve machines which have some mechanical imperfection, even though they may appear to be in perfect condition."

Many persons who are driving what they consider to be safe cars are really chauffeuring vehicles that are accident hazards. The lack of proper lubrication, or improper lubrication, causes concealed parts of the steering mechanism, shackle bolts, drag links and wheel spindles to become so worn that a sudden turn or bump in the road may cause them to snap. When such an event occurs, the driver is left to bring back to control a vehicle that threatens to involve itself, as well as others, in a serious accident. Do your part to reduce accidents in Merkel. If your car has not been lubricated recently, perhaps you, too, are unknowingly driving an unsafe car. Play safe—Lubricate for Safety!

Sweetwater Gets Meet Of West Texas Press

Midland, May 28.—The West Texas Press association decided Saturday to hold its next convention in Sweetwater. R. Henderson Shuffler, Odessa publisher, was elected president for the coming year. Other officers named were Mrs. Mary Dunbar of Palo Pinto, first vice-president; Douglas Meador of Matador, second vice-president; J. C. Smythe of Snyder, re-elected secretary-treasurer. George Clarke, secretary to Gov. James V. Allred, spoke at the session. A resolution was adopted to present plaques to Lowry Martin of Corsicana, and Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls "for their outstanding work as citizens of Texas and their efforts toward the Centennial celebration."

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

Surplus seed, livestock and farm products may be sold through a want ad in The Mail.

PERSONALS

L. L. Wozencraft, of DeLeon is visiting his brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wozencraft.

Mrs. F. N. Brown is visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippet, in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Lee have as their guest their nephew, M. C. Fry, of Mineral Wells.

Misses Doris Durham and Maurine Tipton, who teach in Coleman schools, are home for the summer.

Miss Maimie Ellis arrived home Friday of last week from Fort Stockton, where she teaches school.

Mrs. Robert Hicks and son, Ben Robert, have gone to Wills Point where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. Claude Dye and two sons are here for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson. Supt. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess departed Tuesday for Lubbock, expecting to remain until the end of the week.

Little Miss Joyce Marie Webb is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Marion Hays, and family, of Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Graham and son, Joe Earl Kimbrough, of Kilgore, are guests of her mother, Mrs. J. H. McDonald.

E. E. Upshaw of Austin, connected with the state comptroller's office, was a passing visitor with his nephew, C. J. Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huffman and children, Roy and May, visited Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Talley of Buffalo Gap Sunday.

Mrs. Sid Poy of Baird spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. West, and enjoyed the rodeo Saturday.

Mrs. G. H. Bullock and two daughters, Georgene and Annie Marie, of Stanton, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

Mrs. Gladys Johnston of Quanah is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. H. C. Breeden, who is seriously ill at her home on Bettis Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and daughter, Marilyn Sue, returned Wednesday from a trip, which included Wichita Falls and Chillicothe.

Mrs. Duncan Briggs went to Eastland on Thursday of last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Sue Steele, mother-in-law of her late sister.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble, who were accompanied by their son, David, and Jack Dawson West, returned Tuesday from a fishing trip of several days on the Llano.

Mrs. J. S. Swann went to Snyder Saturday to visit her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sears, and also to welcome a new granddaughter, Carolyn Ann Sears, born May 14.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Randel, of Quanah, who spent the week-end with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. John R. West, were accompanied on their return home by their niece, Miss Doris Gay West.

Misses Margaret Miller and Mary Helen Lancaster, students of John Tarleton college, arrived home Monday. Miss Miller was graduated this year from Tarleton, where she majored in music.

Friends have learned with much pleasure that Ross Ferrier, Jr., has been transferred by the Southwestern Greyhound Lines from Texarkana to Austin, which comes by way of a deserved promotion.

Miss Helen Patterson, formerly a member of the teaching staff of High school here, having resigned last session to accept a place at Caldwell, is visiting Mrs. W. T. Sadler and other friends this week.

Mrs. Kenneth Price, niece of Mrs. W. J. Sheppard, and her three children of Duncan, Okla., were week-end guests in the Sheppard home. Vaughn Tundell, newspaper man of Duncan, was also a week-end guest in this home.

Misses Winterdean and Jannell Woodrum of Abilene were week-end guests of their aunts, Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum, and were present for the graduation from Grammar school of their cousin, Helen Heeter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg and little son, Wallace Granville, spent the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg. They were accompanied by Mrs. Bragg's mother, Mrs. Della Campbell, who visited her sisters and returned with them.

Mrs. J. L. Tucker left Monday for Fort Worth where she was to undergo an operation at the Harris sanitarium on Thursday. Her daughter, Mrs. Mary Tankersley, who lives at Fort Worth, is a trained nurse and will attend her.

Miss Duncan Briggs, who was home from Austin for a week-end visit, was accompanied by her friend, William Luedeck, also of Austin. Other week-end guests in the home of Mrs. Duncan Briggs were her nieces, Adrienne and Fay Dell Steele, and a nephew, Joe Browning Steele, of Ringling, Oklahoma.

After a long time residence here, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chambers removed

G. B. Tittle Seeks County Clerkship



G. B. Tittle, who lived in and around Merkel for 25 years before moving to Abilene, was a caller at the office of The Mail on Wednesday and authorized his announcement as a candidate for county clerk. His formal statement follows:

To the people of Taylor county: I have decided to enter the race for county clerk of Taylor county and in doing so I am fully conscious of the responsibility and importance of that office.

I realize that there are some good people already in the race, and I have no word of criticism of any of them. I am making the race strictly on my own merits, having had experience in that line of work and being thoroughly familiar with the office routine.

If the people of Taylor county see fit to elect me, I will do my best to treat everybody fairly and conduct the affairs of the office honestly and efficiently.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, I beg to remain, Respectfully, G. B. TITTLE.

the latter part of last week to Abilene, where they are domiciled at 1842 N. 10th. They exchanged places with J. F. W. Axe, who with his family are being welcomed as new residents here.

Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. T. J. Toombs is able to be up after an illness of several weeks. Curley London joined the party with C. P. Church, Plymouth dealer, who left Sunday for the factory at Detroit.

Funeral Rites Set for Friday Afternoon for J. F. Merritt, 73

Funeral services for J. F. Merritt, age 73, who died early Thursday morning at his home at Comper, are to be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Baptist church at Comper.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack of Chillicothe, former pastor of the First Baptist church here, will come to conduct the service and interment will be either at Comper cemetery or at Rose Hill, Merkel.

Mr. Merritt had been ill for over a year and seriously ill for several months.

He came to this section in 1904 and had engaged in farming during the entire period. He was a member of the Baptist church and one of the most highly respected men in this section.

Besides his wife, he is survived by five children: Vernie Merritt, Hebron; Mrs. O. W. Bigham, Cross Roads; Ross Merritt, Bernice Merritt and Frank Merritt, Comper. Two grandchildren also survive.

Excursion Rates for Centennial Announced By Greyhound Lines

F. Balous, general traffic manager of Southwestern Greyhound Lines, Inc., has announced that on June 1 special Centennial excursion rates will be put into effect to the following Texas cities: Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio and Austin. These special Centennial excursion fares will be lowered to one and one-half times the regular one-way fare for round trips. This reduction represents a substantial savings to all of these principal Texas cities where Centennial celebrations will be held. The special Centennial excursion fares will be on sale daily until November 29 and will have a return limit of thirty days.

As of May 25, excursion fares to California were put on sale from their stations in Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Oklahoma. These new, low excursion fares will be on sale daily throughout the duration of the summer, and the return trip may be made any time up to October 31.

Office supplies—Mail office.

Dent Gibson Enters As Candidate for Legislative Post

To the voters of Taylor County: I will be a candidate for the office of representative from Taylor county in the state legislature, subject to the action of the democratic primary, July 25, 1936.

I was born and reared on a farm near Merkel, where I now live with my wife and children, and am engaged in farming. My education was secured in the Merkel public schools. During the World war I enlisted in the marine corps and served throughout the war, and have been an active member of the Parramore Post of the American Legion, serving as county vice-commander. I am a member of the First Baptist church, of Merkel, and have always tried to be active in civic matters for the betterment of my community.

During the 42nd legislature and parts of the 43rd and 44th legislature I was an assistant sergeant-at-arms of the Texas state senate, and my observation of the work of the Texas legislature will be of much value in enabling me to carry out the duties of representative from Taylor county.

I believe that provision should be made for the payment of the old age pension without further delay; that the expenses of government should be reduced; that public utilities should be regulated; the farms and real estate should be relieved of excessive taxation; that the prohibition laws should be maintained and enforced; and that the government should be operated economically and efficiently. My full platform will be published and discussed later in the campaign.

Ever since this district was organized it has been represented in the legislature by a lawyer. I see no reason why his agricultural district should not occasionally have a farmer as a representative. I will be busy the next few weeks putting in my crop, but as

soon as possible I will try to see each and every voter in behalf of my candidacy, and I will appreciate your support and influence. DENT GIBSON.

Drill Team, Many Members Attend Circle Convention

Merkel Grove No. 563 is represented by the following officers at the Goldsticker-Garner district convention of the Woodmen Circle which convened at the Hilton hotel, Abilene, on Wednesday: Miss Margaret Turner, district auditor; Mrs. Mae Seago, district inner sentinel, and Miss Norma Mae Patton, district musician.

There will be a large attendance of the membership present and the drill team captained by Mrs. Seago will present and sing the national officers towns will be in attendance. Representatives from 40 Texas and will also take part in the pageant in the evening.

125 Are Present for 2nd Annual Reunion Of Patterson Family

Second annual reunion of the Patterson family was held Sunday at Lake Sweetwater, with 125 in attendance. The guests came from Big Spring, Coahoma, Tulsa, Grand Prairie, Stanton, Colorado, Abilene, Merkel, Pecos, Temple, Hawley and Westbrook, enjoyed a day of visiting and spread basket dinner at noon and made plans for a greater reunion on the fourth Sunday in May next year. Rain kept many members of the family away from Sunday's gathering. Last May 26, there were more than 400 present.

As will be recalled by readers of The Mail, the reunion was started by J. A. Patterson, Sr., who died last year at the age of 86 years, and included cousins as well as immediate members of the Patterson clan. Oldest member of the family at

Sunday's reunion was Mrs. Green Sweatt of Westbrook, 80 years of age. She is a cousin of the late J. A. Patterson. Youngest guest was the six-week-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clark of Grand Prairie.

Among those from Merkel who attended the reunion this year were: Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson, their daughter, Mrs. Claude Dye, and two sons, Billy Gene and Bobby Brooks of Pecos, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson, C. O. (Pat) Patterson, Lester Patterson, Louise Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Clesby Patterson and daughter, Janice Merle, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Patterson and daughter, Thelma, E. A. Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker.

A MEMORIAL (Written for Decoration Day in Memory of Alice Reid Brown.)

I am thinking today of a mound That was made in a country graveyard, We never could forget, Tho we should try so hard.

Walk softly as you pass, You, who go there today; Our loved one there is resting Beneath that mound of clay.

Remember there are many Who lie so low in death, Now, are only waiting For His resurrected health.

I am thinking the angels Might be watching near, Over some lowly mound That is to us so dear.

Remembering—a prayer I whisper To Him who knoweth all, Father, forget not this mound And hasten Thy awakening call.

Mrs. Lee Clanton, Veulmoor, Texas.

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**FOR SALE**—Several good young mares. Pierce Horton.

**FOR SALE**—Double row John Deere cultivator and three-year-old list frame, weighs about 1,000 pounds; will trade for yearlings or cows. C. R. Peterson, Merkel, Texas Route 4.

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**WANTED**—Men with light pickup trucks, pickup trucks and trailers, or autos and trailers; equipment must be in good shape; good proposition. Address "C. P. W." care Merkel Mail.

**WANTED AT ONCE** Raleigh salesman in a nearby county. Write Raleigh's, Dep't. TXE-506-F, Memphis, Tenn.

**WANTED** to plow your land; also want to buy baby calves. Claud Smith, 1-2 miles east of Merkel.

**LOST AND FOUND**

**LOST**—Sorrel bald-faced horse, slim-bodied, with foretop cut out; one 3-year-old horse mule branded F on left shoulder. Reward. Notify A. E. Pardue, Hamlin, or Henry Ellerbee, Merkel.

**LEGAL NOTICE.**

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS.** To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon Esther Stevenson by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in June, A. D. 1936, the same being the eighth day of June, A. D. 1936, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 5th day of May, A. D. 1936, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2582-B, wherein Jim Stevenson is Plaintiff, and Esther Stevenson is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows:

That plaintiff and defendant were married on February 19th, 1919, and separated about the 25th day of April 1919. Plaintiff sues for a divorce on grounds of three years abandonment by defendant, and for more than ten years continuous separation, all of which is fully alleged in plaintiff's original petition.

Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 5th day of May, A. D. 1936.

Belle Wellborn, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas. (Seal)

**\$30,000 Truck Caravan To Be Here Saturday**

In order to familiarize the general public with the many economical and modernized features of the 1936 Chevrolet trucks, the Chevrolet Motor company is sponsoring a truck caravan which will be routed throughout North Texas.

The estimated value of the trucks in this caravan is said to be \$30,000.00. Fred Hughes of the Hughes Motor company, local Chevrolet dealers, announces that this elaborate display of commercial units will invade Merkel and can be inspected by the public between the hours of 8:30 a. m. and 1 p. m., Saturday, May 30, at the Hughes Motor company.

Entertaining features are combined with the caravan and every member of the family will be certain to enjoy the display.

R. D. Mahoney, Chevrolet factory truck representative, who is in charge of the truck caravan, will make demonstrations of the quality and stability of the various Chevrolet trucks.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL**

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

CHAS. (CHARLIE) ORR.  
HOUSTON ROBERTSON.  
A. J. CANON (Re-election).  
P. A. DILTZ.

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, Jones county:

E. F. VANTRESE.  
L. R. CADE.

For County Clerk:

(MISS) VIVIAN FRYAR.  
CLARENCE L. DARDEN.  
E. D. (Dean) DAVIS.  
G. B. TITTLE.

For Sheriff:

S. H. (Sid) McADAMS.  
BURL WHEELER.  
MERYVN MEEKS.  
ROSS L. MILLER.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:

CLYDE SHOUSE (Re-election).  
For District Clerk:

MISS BELLE WELLBORN (Re-election).  
MRS. IMOGENE HAMPTON.

For County Attorney:

ESCO WALTER.  
For County Tax Assessor-Collector:

C. O. (Pat) PATTERSON.  
W. P. BOUNDS.

For Representative, 116th District:

DENT GIBSON.  
For Judge, 104th District Court:

(Taylor, Jones, Fisher Counties):  
OWEN THOMAS.  
For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 5:

S. C. VICK.  
N. D. COBB.  
E. L. WILSON.

For County Judge:

A. A. HEATHINGTON.  
JOHN CAMP (Re-election).  
LINDSAY P. WALDEN.  
For Constable, Precinct No. 5:

W. H. LANEY.  
J. T. KING.  
BERT MELTON.

**June 10 Final Date For Farmers To Sign Federal Work Sheets**

College Station, May 28.—Final date for signing work sheets by Texas farmers in the soil conservation program has been extended by the temporary state oil conservation committee to June 10, announcement made here by the committee discloses. This announcement, following meeting here by the committee, was accompanied by explanation that in view of the fact that the program has been made more flexible, more time for executing the work sheet was deemed advisable.

**White Church News**

Everything seems to be growing nicely over the week's rains, especially the grass and weeds.

Quite a few from here attended the "Home Coming" at White Flat Sunday. Those going were: Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Frazier and children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and family, Harvey Harris and Esther Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Brown, Stanley and Junior Connell and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Pressly.

Miss Aileen Frazier spent the week-end with Gracie Huff of the Divide.

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown went to Abilene Thursday on business.

Miss Glen Bickley of Stanton spent the week-end with her cousin, Miss Freda Farmer.

Miss Fern Evans has returned from Brownwood where she spent a few days visiting friends and attending the graduation exercises of Miss Marie Lynch of Howard Payne college.

The Reverend Mr. Jones and Mr. Martin of Abilene conducted services here Sunday and visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer.

Miss Lena Mae Patterson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell at Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harris of Merkel spent Saturday night in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex McLean of Trent spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harris and family have moved to Mrs. A. M. Shugart's place.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer and son, J. H., of Snyder, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer, Sr., and his uncle, Johnnie Bell Boden, of Anaheim, Calif., who has been visiting relatives here.

Misses Vivian and Maudie Turner spent the week-end with their sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cole, of Merkel.

**Economy Grocery wants your Cream, Eggs and Chickens.**

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**Anson Lawyer is Aspirant as Judge Of District Court**



To the voters of Taylor, Jones and Fisher counties:

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of district judge of the 104th judicial district of Texas, composed of the above mentioned counties, subject to the action of the voters at the democratic primary in July.

For the information of those who do not know me, I state the following facts about myself: I live in Anson, where I was born and raised and which has always been my home. I was educated in the public schools of Anson and the University of Texas. After leaving school, I served about one year in the army during the war, taught school in Jones county and worked in several of the county offices. Thereafter I served two elective terms as district clerk of Jones county and three elective terms as county judge of Jones county, voluntarily retiring on January 1, 1931, since which time I have been actively engaged in the practice of law with our firm of Thomas & Thomas of Anson. I have had experience in and about a law office and the courts since an early age, and I have been in the active practice of law for more than eight years. I am now 39 years of age.

As to my qualifications and fitness for the district judgeship, I refer to my record as a citizen, an official and a practicing attorney, to the members of the bar in the counties of the district, and particularly to the citizenship of my county, who know me best.

I have for a number of years cherished the ambition to occupy the district judge's bench, and to this end I have endeavored to qualify myself. I have not prematurely made the move, but abided what I considered the proper time. I would like to succeed the present judge, W. R. Chapman, who has been honored with the office for many years.

I have a very high conception of a judgeship. In my opinion, the first qualification of any judge is a sense of fairness and impartiality, with courage to act accordingly, toward all alike, whether rich or poor and regardless of color, social standing or belief. I think that, in all issues for his determination, a judge should hear both sides and then act according to what he believes to be the law as applicable to the facts. Of course, a judge should possess the proper temperament and the necessary legal qualifications.

It is my intention to personally see, and become acquainted with, as many of you as possible. Of course, it will be impossible to see all.

I invite your investigation, your consideration of my candidacy, and respectfully solicit your votes and support.

OWEN THOMAS.

**LOCAL BRIEFS.**

The Economy Grocery, Allday and Neff, proprietors, announce that they are now in the market to buy produce, chickens, eggs and cream; in fact, "everything the farmer has to sell."

The banks and post office will observe Decoration day, Saturday, May 30, as a holiday, and will be closed all day. There will not be any rural carrier delivery either, Postmaster Wrenn Durham announces.

As was chronicled in The Mail at the time, the Merkel Drug company filled their 100,000th prescription on Feb. 6 of this year. The originals are being displayed in their show window this week, attracting considerable attention. The file includes prescriptions from 364 physicians.

Some three weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton received word from their son, Gilbert Walton, that he was in a hospital at Sacramento, Calif., suffering from burns on face and hands sustained when an oven in a bakery where he was employed backfired. Later, when he had about recovered from the effects of the burns, he was again in the hospital after an injury to his back, but is doing very nicely.

**List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week**

The petit jury list in 42nd district court for next week includes the following names:

M. Logan, Milton Case, Will F. Butman, O. D. Pruitt, W. J. Hayes, W. W. Toombs, Merkel; T. P. Williams, E. M. Collier, D. W. Sieglitz, W. C. Warlick, W. S. Wagley, W. A. Turnidge, Paul L. Kirk, M. F. Loftis, John D. McKinzie, Dr. Scott W. Hollis, A. G. Hobbs, T. M. Hamrick, W. E. Kaufman, J. M. King, O. W. Henry, J. V. Amis, A. J. Sammons, H. West, Otto Howard, V. L. Shiflett, B. W. Dossan, H. M. Lackey, T. A. Werner, L. W. Miller, R. A. Maddox, J. V. Nuckles, F. T. Killough, F. A. Grant, W. Luther Adams, T. M. Moore, Abilene; Floyd Smith, D. J. Rawlins, Jackson Bright, Trent; M. T. Hurt, W. I. Dunn, T. J. Talley, Wingate; F. M. Baker, Hillsboro; J. R. Vance, Ovalo; R. C. Dupree, View; J. C. Beverley, Buffalo Gap; L. R. Reed, C. W. Stewart, W. T. Adams, Lawn; F. P. Ivey, Tuscola.

**Visitors Invited to See Snakes Milked**

Those of a curious turn of mind will find an experience much out of the ordinary if they visit the Patterson Brothers snake ranch, located on the highway west of Abilene, during next week.

The owners of this novel business venture announce that, in response to repeated requests for the privilege, the process of milking the snakes will be demonstrated to visitors during these hours.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**UNION RIDGE CLUB.**

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday in the M. L. Douglas home, with Miss Mary Bell Douglas as co-hostess. Topic for discussion was "Improvements on My Bed Room." Mrs. Clarence Shouse was awarded a birthday present.

The club voted to send a delegate to the A. & M. Short Course this year, and meeting time of the club has been changed to three o'clock.

Various games were played by the following: Mesdames M. F. Carey, O. R. Douglas, W. A. Harris, Lee Tipton, Kenneth Pee, Clarence Shouse, M. L. Douglas; Misses Mabel McRee, Alice Carey and Mary Bell Douglas.

The next meeting will be on June 5 at the J. H. Clark home, with the county agent present.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

Mrs. O. R. Douglas was hostess on Monday afternoon from 2 till 5 for a party honoring her son, Billy Bob, who celebrated his eighth birthday. Games of various kinds were played and the honoree received many useful gifts.

Whistle balloons were passed as guest favors and delicious cake and ice cream served to the following children: Dowell and Blanton Carey, Lenzell and Nolan Price, Charles Joe Douglas, Donald and Billy Bob Douglas, Betty Horton, Dorice Price, Patricia. LaVerne and Wanda Lillie Douglas.

Grown-ups present were: Joe Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Carey, Mrs. M. L. Douglas, Mrs. J. W. Taylor, grandmother of the honoree, Misses

Fay and Mary Bell Douglas and the honoree.

**SALT BRANCH CLUB.**

The Salt Branch Demonstration club met with Mrs. W. E. Petty on Thursday, May 21, when Miss Vera Crippen, county agent, gave talks on "Making the Bed Comfortable" and "Caring for the Bed." She also showed spring and mattress covers and spreads.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Cox, Pinckley, Hudson, Beene, Petty, Allen, Hays, Martin, Harrell, Pete Petty, Jarrett Pinckley; Misses Ruth Pinckley, Celia Hester, Visitors were Mesdames Reed, Allen D. King, Allen D. King, Jr., and Raymond Demere.

Next meeting, on June 4, will be a Centennial program with Mrs. Roy Harrell. If you have anything that is old, or a relic that you would like to show, we would be glad to have it.

**G. C. Pearce, Miss Mildred Clark Wed**

Merkel friends will be interested to learn of the marriage of George Carey Pearce of Amarillo, former teacher in the Grammar school here, and Miss Mildred Irene Clark of Abilene, which was solemnized Saturday morning in Abilene.

Following the ceremony, the couple left for Amarillo, where they will reside.

Mr. Pearce is now a member of the state highway patrol.

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- Pickles, quart 15c
- Bulk
- Cider Vinegar, gallon 29c
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**Divorcee Court Murder**

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was killed, she considered him his murderer. I have a vivid picture of her in prison, crushed and numbed by his death; she didn't care what happened to her without him. But she had one interest—a grim determination that Fred Dennis should suffer for it."

The detective nodded, "I suppose he realized her opposition and enemy."

"He could hardly help it, the way she always tried to persuade Garrett to break away. It was a continual struggle for ascendancy over him; she told me that when she'd almost won him away, Dennis could bring him back to heel with a word."

"But the police didn't catch him, even with her information?" Rankin vouchsafed.

Mr. Lewis toyed with a pen on his desk and pushed back his chair as he replied.

"No, he escaped again," he related, "by the skin of his teeth, just before they broke in."

"And nothing was heard of him afterward? No trace of his whereabouts?"

The lawyer shook his head. "No, he dropped completely out of the picture."

"But at least you have Miss Trent's description of him," the detective put in.

"The police could give you that," Mr. Lewis replied. "It was their job to hunt him. And I believe they still hold such of Dennis' possessions as didn't have other rightful owners."

"In that case, I'll want to see them at once." Abruptly, Rankin rose and extended his hand.

But instead of shaking hands, Mr. Lewis glanced at his watch and also rose.

"If you don't mind, Mr. Rankin," he said, "I'd like to go along with you to Headquarters. Recalling how favorably the girl impressed me, I'm interested in the case and wish to learn what develops. In fact, if Dennis is responsible for her murder, I feel almost involved in it myself."

"Why, certainly, Mr. Lewis," the detective returned pleasantly. "You're quite welcome to join me and follow it up."

The lawyer had put into words the possibility to which his investigations and all the information he had gathered on this journey pointed.

Certainly, Fred Dennis had ample reason for harboring malice against Ellen Trent and desiring her death. From the beginning, her opposition to his control over her sweetheart, Garrett, constantly threatened to disrupt his plans and endanger his criminal enterprises. Then, with Dave Garrett's death, her more active hostility resulted calamitously for him. She made him a fugitive

from justice. It was hardly likely that a man of his character, vicious and revengeful, yet astute and daring, would hesitate to commit murder in retaliation.

He was familiar with Barbara Keith's past and in a position to disclose it; and as part of his revenge, he could blackmail her by anonymously calling her husband's attention to them, he would establish her relations with Garrett and her prison sentence as a thief. He might even have been aware of the expected baby. To silence him, Mrs. Keith would undoubtedly have been willing to pay dearly.

Why, then, had he chosen to chloroform her during the divorce hearing? And how had he reached her there? To these obstacles to his theory of Dennis' guilt, Rankin had to produce a solution. So long as Mrs. Keith continued to pay him, he would hesitate to kill the goose that laid such golden eggs; and she had given him a check as recently as June first. But there was a limit to the bleeding process. If driven to the wall by his demands, she might have turned on him finally, threatening both to betray him to the authorities and to admit the truth

to her husband. The fact that day before she died she had broached a subject, the delicateness and importance of which her nervousness and alarm attested, supported this supposition. Instead of wishing to speak of a divorce, as Mr. Keith supposed, she may have intended to confess. Though she lost her nerve in the crisis, yet desperate and hounded, she constituted a fresh menace to Dennis.

And always, so long as she lived, her knowledge of his criminal career, which she could pass on to the authorities, endangered his freedom.

Mr. Lewis drove the detective direct to Headquarters. It was his presence rather than Rankin's official card that gained them a prompt audience with Lieutenant Becker.

He was the officer who had arrested Ellen Trent six years before, and led the subsequent raid on Dennis' flat. Even now he was sensitive about that fiasco and mention of it brought a wry frown to his features. Rankin briefly related the story of Barbara Keith's murder

and the trail that led to Fort Wayne. When he explained its connection with Fred Dennis and his desire to obtain information about him, Lieutenant Becker nodded.

"Of course, we still have all the things from his apartment," he declared, "that is, his personal things. I'll have them here in a jiffy."

He summoned a policeman from the record room. Within ten minutes the officer returned with papers, reports and several suitcases.

(Continued Next Week.)

**CASTLE PEAK PLAY.**

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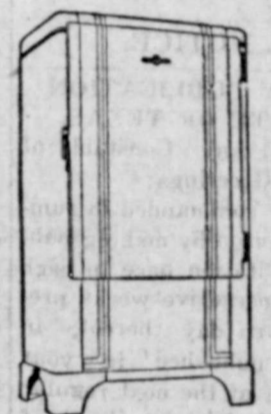
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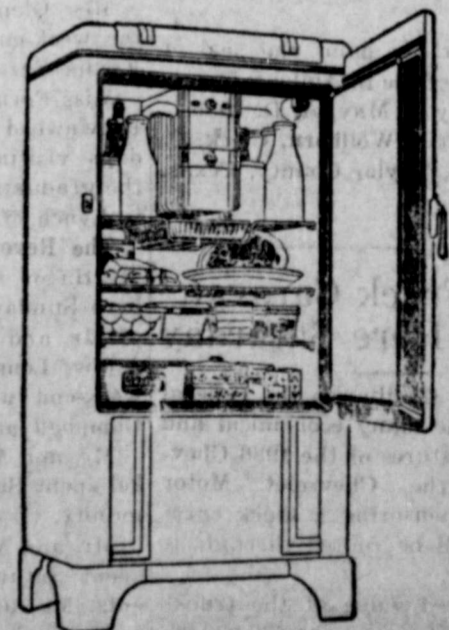
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BLAIR ITEMS

On Friday, May 22, little Billie D. Doan was honored with an elaborate birthday party on the pretty lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, the occasion being his eleventh birthday.

Some twenty women met and quilted a friendship quilt for the honoree and about fifty children enjoyed games and other amusements. A beautiful pink and white birthday cake with eleven candles centered the table, and dainty refreshment plates of cherry tartlets, picnic turnovers, cake and punch, with miniature toy dogs as plate favors, were passed to the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Fate Seoggin enjoyed a visit from their brother-in-law of East Texas recently.

Mrs. Ed Sherman, Mrs. Bud Wiser and children, Mrs. Mary Neill and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Campbell and son, Billie, participated in a family reunion held Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Swafford.

Mrs. Teague of Vernon was the house guest of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith, the past week.

Mannie Barnes reentered the Baptist sanitarium at Abilene for treatment. Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks and other relatives and friends visited his bedside Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ray of Hamby attended services at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell and daughter, Doris, visited home folks at Bronte Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Campbell, who has been sick, is improving nicely at this writing.

The high school play cast enjoyed a picnic at Shannon's Thursday night. Prof. Henry Shipp of Abilene is to conduct a ten-day singing school at the Baptist church, beginning Tuesday, May 26. Prof. Shipp comes highly recommended from the home town, Abilene, and appears to be a young man of outstanding character and popularity. He has had wide experience, having taught school at various places over the state. The cooperation of the public is solicited.

Prof. Shipp will render a musical program on June 4 at the Baptist church, consisting of solos, quartettes and trios, with all kinds of music. Talent from Merkel and Abilene, with our home talent, will be represented in the numbers. Everyone is invited to come and you will hear some mighty fine singing and music. There will be a small admission charge to defray the expenses of the school.

Rev. Lloyd Mayhew delivered two interesting discourses at the M. E. church Sunday, his text being from Job 13 on "The Glory of a Great Faith."

Brother Roy Auding of Abilene is to fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday. Come and hear the services and receive a blessing.

The 1935-36 school term closed Fri-

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day with a very successful year. Prof. Charles Gates is principal and Misses Elleta Foster and Nina Bell Russell are teachers. Mr. and Mrs. Gates and son, Charles Wade, left Tuesday morning for Canyon where Prof. Gates will enter school for the coming year.

The school faculty has been selected for 1936-37 as follows: Prof. Francis, Abilene; Miss Nina Bell Russell, Merkel; and Miss Elleta Foster, Noodle. Trustees are: R. E. Windham, Z. V. Moore and Carl Hughes.

Mrs. Susie Doan enjoyed a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears Sunday. These three estimable characters are pioneers of this county and reminiscences of early days whiled away the hours.

We are sorry to report that Elma Harrison has been on the sick list for several days.

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DORA DOINGS

Listening to the patter of rain is our pastime; it surely has rained, has fallen nice and no storm with it; the way the weeds and grass are coming, we will be real busy now for a time.

Our school closed out Friday night with the Senior exercises following an enjoyable picnic Friday with a big crowd and a bountiful barbecue and dinner.

Mrs. E. G. Oliver is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Owsley, of Spur, for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Perry and Mr. and Mrs. John Dudley and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elias Pruitt, near Caps.

Mrs. S. E. Porter returned home Sunday from Sweetwater, where she has been under a physician's care for some time.

Mrs. H. Phillips and Bill are driving around in a new Chevrolet.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ensminger were called to Lubbock to the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Sanders, who was very sick in the hospital.

Mrs. Dave Anderson is enjoying a visit this week with her mother, who is here from Oklahoma.

Albert Elliott is on the sick list this week.

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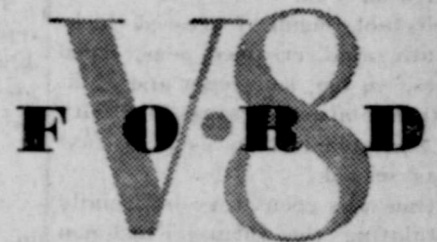


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FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

The members of the Fortnightly Study club held their final meeting, before disbanding for the summer, Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. E. Clyde Smith.

The Texas history lesson was given by Mrs. Tom Warren on "Centennial Centers." The program was varied in character, each club guest responding to roll call with individual contribution of talent.

TEACHERS SHOWERED.

Messrs. Emil Hutto and Rex Meyers were most delightfully surprised on Monday evening when returning to their abodes, from the graduating exercises they found a lovely display of gifts, farewell mementos from a number of their pupils.

LUNCHEON.

The members of Miss Vera Walker's Sunday School class were entertained at a luncheon Friday noon at her home; the seventh grade graduates in her class named honorees are: Helen Heeter, Gay West, Miriam Diltz and Euvalda Fox.

A delectable menu of pressed chicken, potato salad, creamed peas, sliced tomatoes, iced tea, ice cream and cookies, with miniature corsages tied with purple and gold ribbons as plate favors, was served.

The time was spent very informally congratulating the future Freshmen and hearing their exciting side of the experience. Those present, besides the honorees and hostess, were Mabel Murray and Louise Patterson.

DOWELL-DAVIS.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Davis announce the marriage of their younger daughter, Lola Marie, to E. N. Dowell, on Saturday evening, May 16, at 8:30 o'clock at the Nazarene parsonage, with Rev. R. T. Smith officiating.

Mrs. Dowell was educated in the Merkel schools and is popular in music, voice and all religious activities.

The groom, who is the son of Rev. E. C. Dowell, was educated in Hereford and Abilene schools.

The couple will make their home in Merkel.

SHOWER FOR BRIDE.

On Wednesday afternoon, May 20, Mrs. W. L. Davis gave a shower in honor of Mrs. E. N. Dowell, who, until her recent marriage, was Lola Marie Davis.

From 2 to 4 o'clock enjoyable games were played and during that hour the bride fished in various nooks and was at last led to the many beautiful gifts.

A dainty refreshment plate was served to Mesdames Bill Dowell, Bill Callahan, J. L. Mayhall, Edwin Thorne, Northcutt, C. C. McCain, Charlie Massey, Roy Martin, John Reagh; Misses Edna Mayhall, Inez Smith, Sue Turner, Allene Davis, Omyle Dowell, Ruby Toles, Louise Gouge and the honoree and hostess.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Erwin Jowers, Miss Crippen, county agent, met with the club and gave a demonstration on bed making. She showed the club two lovely tufted bedspreads.

The club voted to send a delegate to the A. & M. Short Course, but the delegate has not yet been elected.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames C. P. Church, Mack Buzbee, E. B. Wallace, R. H. Mathews, Sr., Clyde Shouse, Bob McDonald, Chester Hutcheson, Earl Stanford, Erwin Jowers; Misses Thelma Mathews, Clara White and Lottie Butman. Visitors were Miss Crippen, Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Buck Mashburn.

The next meeting will be with Misses Clara and Maurine White on June 5. This will be a Centennial program.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Special Music for Sunday Evening at Presbyterian Church

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening.

The young people's Fifth Sunday meeting will be held at Buffalo Gap. Some from over the district are planning to bring their lunch and spend the day.

You are cordially invited to all of these services. Strangers welcome.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 633 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here Sunday, as compared with 723 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 770 were present.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. BTS at 7:15 p. m. WMU at 8 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening.

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Bert Melton Announces For Constable's Place

Bert Melton, who until last fall had operated a cafe here for seven years, has authorized The Mail to announce his candidacy for constable of the Merkel precinct, which is No. 5.

Enlisting in Fort Worth, Bert served 15 months overseas with the 142nd ambulance company of the 36th division during the World War and was actively on duty 28 days and nights on the Argonne Front.

After the war he came to Abilene in 1919, removing to Merkel in 1927, since which time he has made his home here. His wife is the former Miss Lois Dillman of Stith. Retiring from the cafe business in November, when he sold his place of business to his brother, J. Y. Melton, he has engaged in trading locally.

Bert asks the consideration of the voters of this precinct and will endeavor to see as many of them personally as possible before the July primary.

Wants to Serve Public As Justice of Peace

E. L. Wilson, jeweler and watch repair specialist, who has been a resident of Merkel for the past 16 years, has announced that he will seek the office of justice of the peace of the precinct No. 5 in the democratic primary in July.

Mr. Wilson is known to practically everybody in the precinct as a worthy and dependable citizen, and on the basis of his past record he asks the consideration of the voters of the precinct.

He submits the following brief statement to the voters of the Merkel precinct:

"I am qualifying myself for the office of justice of the peace. If the people see fit to elect me, I will do my best to treat everybody fairly and conduct the affairs of the office honestly and efficiently.

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The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. NYPS at 7:15 p. m. Preaching at 8 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

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R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

In spite of bad, rainy weather, we had fine spiritual services and fair crowds Sunday.

We will bring message No. 2 on "The Work of the Local Church" next Sunday morning. Our message for Sunday evening will be "The Greatest Sin of the Age." We urge every one to come praying that God will break the hearts of people and cause them to accept Christ as their Saviour.

Preaching Sunday 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., also every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Prayer service Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Bible School Sunday 10 a. m. We invite you to come.

We appreciate the new members who are joining our Bible School each Sunday. Our Bible lesson for Sunday will be the third chapter of Mark. Come.

Bill E. Dowell, Pastor.

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Patsy Ruth Daniels Crowned as Queen of Ft. Worth May Fete



This dainty little gazelle who might be mistaken at first glance for Shirley Temple is Patsy Ruth Daniels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Algine Daniels of Fort Worth and whose grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daniels of Stith and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton of Merkel.

She was entered in her first beauty contest at the age of six and was elected by popular vote to represent her school, the Diamond Hill school, as May Queen in their annual May Fete. The Fort Worth Press carried such charming pictures of Patsy and her little king in their coronation robes that they were invited to participate in a similar event at William James Junior High, Fort Worth, on May 22nd, which she did most creditably.

Was Sullivan's Sparring Partner.

Laredo, May 28.—Harry E. Evans, who in his prime was a partner of John L. Sullivan and traveled with the famous heavyweight champion to Australia; died at his home at Laredo at the age of 69.

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Reunion of Boden Family Held May 17

The visit of Mr. and Mrs. John Boden of Anaheim, Calif., the first in nine years, was the occasion of an enjoyable reunion of the Boden family at Lake Abilene on Sunday, May 17.

The morning hours were spent in various ways, including singing and other entertainments, and at noon a bounteous lunch was spread.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Boden, Anaheim, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Boden, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Boden, Jr., and son, Mr. and Mrs. John Abernathy, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Abernathy, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Abernathy, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Abernathy and daughters, Maurine and Katie, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Simons and daughter, Wynona, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie McWhorter, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boden and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer and sons, Arlington, Lewis and Ira, Merkel; Miss Ruth Chatman and brother, View; Mr. and Mrs. George Moore and granddaughter, Bob Boden; Hurley Boden, Shep; Hurley Toombs, Mrs. Bud Perry and daughter, Hollis, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Walton, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Nat Anderson and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Toombs, Abilene.

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Many Gather for Reynolds Reunion

A family reunion of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Reynolds was held Sunday in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Lige Pruitt, south of Caps.

Relatives gathered early Sunday morning and various games were played. Showers of rain prevented outdoor play only for short periods.

After the family dinner was served more games and swimming were indulged in. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Erney Perry, son and daughter, W. T. and Cleon Perry of Divide; Mr. and Mrs. Lige Pruitt and sons, F. M., Aulton and Marvin of Caps and T. G. Pruitt of Abilene; Mrs. Eli Pruitt, son and daughter, Exell and Soneta, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Cotton and daughter, Albany; Mr. and Mrs. John Dudley, son and daughter, Quannah, and Joyce, Dora; Mr. and Mrs. Forest Reynolds and son, Hugh, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds and son, Onis, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reynolds and Miss Opal Hicks, Abilene, all of the immediate family.

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